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United States of America: draft resolution

Integration of women in the Middle East peace process

The Commission on the Status of Women,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 48/58 of 14 December 1993 on the Middle East peace process,

Recalling also the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights in June 1993, 1/

Stressing that the achievement of a comprehensive and lasting settlement of the Middle East conflict will constitute a significant contribution to the strengthening of international peace and security and is an indispensable condition for the furthering of human rights in the region,

Recalling the convening of the Peace Conference on the Middle East at Madrid on 30 October 1991, on the basis of Security Council resolutions 242 (1967) of 22 November 1967 and 338 (1973) of 22 October 1973, and the subsequent bilateral negotiations, as well as the meetings of the multilateral working groups, and noting with satisfaction the broad international support for the peace process,

Noting the continuing positive participation of the United Nations as a full extraregional participant in the work of the multilateral working groups,

1/ A/CONF.157/24 (Part I), chap. III.

Bearing in mind the Declaration of Principles on Interim Self-Government Arrangements, signed by Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization in Washington, D.C., on 13 September 1993, 2/

1. Stresses the importance of, and need for, achieving a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in the Middle East;
2. Emphasizes that the achievement of such a peace is vital for the full implementation of human rights in the area;
3. Welcomes the peace process started at Madrid and supports the subsequent bilateral negotiations;
4. Expresses its full support for the achievements of the peace process thus far, in particular the Declaration of Principles on Interim Self-Government Arrangements, signed by Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization, and the Agreement between Israel and Jordan on the Common Agenda, which constitute an important initial step in achieving a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in the Middle East, and urges all parties to implement agreements reached;
5. Considers that an active United Nations role in the Middle East peace process and in assisting in the implementation of the Declaration of Principles can make a positive contribution;
6. Urges Governments, intergovernmental bodies and non-governmental organizations to include women in the peace process as facilitators and mediators, and in any other roles that may enhance the peace process;
7. Urges Governments, intergovernmental bodies and non-governmental organizations to ensure that women's political development and participation are integrated into all efforts evolving from the Declaration of Principles, including legislative reform, institution-building and political processes;
8. Urges Governments, intergovernmental bodies and non-governmental organizations to ensure that women are included in the design and implementation of all policies and programmes evolving from the Declaration of Principles, with a special emphasis on women's interests in those programmes related to environment, democracy, health, population, education and employment.
